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Chapter III

Recommendations and decisions

K. Other matters

1. The Committee considered the agenda item entitled "Other matters", in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/77.

2. The representatives of Austria, Canada, China, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, New Zealand, Nigeria, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States, made statements under the item. During the general exchange of views, statements relating to the item were also made by representatives of other member States. A further statement was made by the representative of Bulgaria on behalf of the European Union, and by the representative of Argentina on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The observer for SGAC also made a statement.

1. UNISPACE+50 and the development of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan

3. The Committee considered the recommendation by the Legal Subcommittee that a working group should be established on the development of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan (see A/AC.105/1177, annex I, para. 12).

4. The Committee agreed, in that regard, to include in the agenda of the Committee an item entitled "'Space2030' agenda", to be kept until the sixty-third session of the Committee, in 2020, in accordance with the draft resolution on UNISPACE+50 contained in A/AC.105/L.313 and endorsed by the Committee at the present session.

5. The Committee agreed to the establishment of a working group under that new agenda item with the following workplan:

(a) The chair of the new working group was to be requested to present to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee for consideration at its fifty-sixth session, in

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2019, a first outline of a "Space2030" agenda with a proposed overall structure and an implementation plan, to be drawn up in close consultation with the Secretariat;

(b) The working group was to be given an opportunity to meet in plenary with interpretation services during the sessions of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee in 2019 and 2020 so that it could make progress;

(c) The chair of the working group was to coordinate with the chairs of related working groups of the two Subcommittees and with the Chair of the Expert Group on Space Weather, with mandates derived from UNISPACE+50, with a view to creating synergies and avoiding duplication of efforts, and with the overall objective of developing a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan. The chairs of those related working groups were to be encouraged to report to the new working group on progress in their work;

(d) After the working group had considered the first draft outline of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan during the sessions of the two subcommittees to be held in 2019, and after a consolidated version of that draft outline had been considered by the Committee at its sixty-second session, in 2019, the working group was to present an updated version of that draft outline to the Committee and its subcommittees for consideration during their respective sessions in 2020;

(e) A final revision of the draft "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan that took into account the working group's recommendations formulated during the sessions of the two subcommittees held in 2020 was to be presented to the Committee at its sixty-third session, in 2020, for its consideration and action;

(f) The chair of the working group was to attend the sessions of the Committee and its two subcommittees in 2019 and 2020 to participate in formal working group meetings. Intersessional consultations could be called as appropriate;

(g) The meetings of the working group, including intersessional consultations, were to be open to all States members of the Committee and all international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with permanent observer status. The Secretariat was to invite member States and permanent observers to assign points of contact for that purpose.

6. The Committee agreed on the inclusion on the agenda of the Committee a regular item, entitled "Space exploration and innovation", as recommended in the note by the Secretariat on UNISPACE+50 thematic priority 1 (A/AC.105/1168).

2. Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2020–2021

7. Pursuant to the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,[1] as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/56, the Committee considered the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2020–2021.

8. The Committee noted that the Eastern European States had endorsed the candidature of Marius-Ioan Piso (Romania) for the office of Chair of the Committee for the period 2020–2021 (A/AC.105/2018/CRP.13).

9. The Committee also noted that the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidature of Natália Archinard (Switzerland) for the office of Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee for the period 2020–2021 (A/AC.105/2018/CRP.18).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/52/20), annex I; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/58/20), annex II, appendix III.

10. The Committee also noted that the Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidature of Ricardo Gil Ochoa (Colombia) for the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee for the period 2020–2021 (A/AC.105/2018/CRP.25).

11. The Committee noted that the African States and the Asia-Pacific States would nominate their candidates for the offices of First Vice-Chair of the Committee and Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, respectively, for the period 2020–2021, before the next session of the Committee, to be held in 2019.

3. Observer status

12. The Committee took note of the application of the European Union for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2018/CRP.9.

13. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, in 2018, grant to the European Union the status of permanent observer with the Committee.

14. With regard to the applications of non-governmental organizations for the status of permanent observer with the Committee, the Committee recalled its agreement at its fifty-third session, in 2010 (A/65/20, para. 311), that observer status would be granted to non-governmental organizations on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of their application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council; that the provisional observer status could be extended for an additional year, if necessary; and that it would grant permanent observer status to such non-governmental organizations upon confirmation of their consultative status with the Council.

15. The Committee took note of the application of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2018/CRP.10. The Committee also noted that ISO had consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

16. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, in 2018, grant to ISO the status of permanent observer with the Committee.

17. The Committee took note of the application of CANEUS International for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2018/CRP.11.

18. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, in 2018, grant to CANEUS International the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of their application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

19. The Committee took note of the application of For All Moonkind for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2018/CRP.12.

20. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, in 2018, grant to For All Moonkind the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of their application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

21. In accordance with the request of the Committee at its fifty-sixth session, in 2013, the Secretariat had compiled information on the consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee (A/AC.105/2018/CRP.14). The Committee urged

non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status with it that had not yet initiated the application process for consultative status with the Council to do so in the near future.

22. The view was expressed that it was important to include in the list of requirements for applications of non-governmental organizations the provision contained in paragraph 61 (h) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 stating that "an organization that applies for consultative status should attest that it has been in existence for at least two years as at the date of receipt of the application by the Secretariat. Evidence of such existence shall be furnished to the Secretariat".

4. Organizational matters

23. The Committee agreed to the multi-year workplan on the governance and method of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, as recommended by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee at their sessions in 2018 (A/AC.105/1167, annex I, paras. 16 and 17; and A/AC.105/1177, annex I, para. 9). The Committee decided, in that regard, that the work under the multi-year workplan be conducted under the current item of the Committee entitled "Future role of the Committee".

24. The Committee agreed that digital recordings also be used for the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee starting at its fifty-sixth session in 2019.

5. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Committee

25. The Committee recommended that the following items should be considered at its sixty-second session, in 2019:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Statement by the Chair.
4. General exchange of views.
5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes.
6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session.
7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session.
8. Space and sustainable development.
9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status.
10. Space and water.
11. Space and climate change.
12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system.
13. Future role of the Committee.
14. Space exploration and innovation.
15. "Space2030" agenda.

    (Work under a multi-year workplan of the working group (see paras. [...]))
16. Other matters.

26. The Committee noted the success of the joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees of the General Assembly on possible challenges to space security and sustainability, held in New York in October 2017, and recommended that a similar panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees, with the support of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, should be held in 2019.

L. Schedule of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies

27. The Committee agreed on the following tentative timetable for its session and those of its Subcommittees in 2019:

	Date	*Location*
Scientific and Technical Subcommittee	11–22 February 2019	Vienna
Legal Subcommittee	1–12 April 2019	Vienna
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	12–21 June 2019	Vienna